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Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board

Notice of Meetings – December 2015 and January 2016

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) gives notice under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, that the subcommittees of the Joint Biomedical Laboratory Research and Development and Clinical Science Research and Development Services Scientific Merit Review Board (JBL/CS SMRB) will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the dates indicated below (unless otherwise listed):

Subcommittee	Date	Location
Epidemiology -----	December 2, 2015	*VA Central Office
Immunology-A -----	December 2, 2015	Hilton Garden Inn - DC/US Capitol
Neurobiology-C -----	December 2, 2015	American College of Surgeons
Oncology-A -----	December 2, 2015	*VA Central Office
Mental Health and Behavioral Sciences-A -----	December 3, 2015	Corporation for Enterprise Development
Cardiovascular Studies-A -----	December 3, 2015	Hilton Garden Inn - DC/US Capitol
Endocrinology-B -----	December 3, 2015	VA Central Office
Pulmonary Medicine -----	December 3, 2015	National Postal Museum, Blount Center
Oncology-B -----	December 3, 2015	*VA Central Office
Clinical Trials-A -----	December 4, 2015	Corporation for Enterprise Development
Neurobiology-A -----	December 4, 2015	VA Central Office
Neurobiology-E -----	December 4, 2015	US Access Board
Oncology-D -----	December 4, 2015	*VA Central Office
Oncology-C -----	December 4, 2015	*VA Central Office
Special Emphasis on Genomics -----	December 4, 2015	*VA Central Office
Aging and Clinical Geriatrics ---	December 7, 2015	*VA Central Office
Endocrinology-A -----	December 7, 2015	US Access Board
Neurobiology-R -----	December 7, 2015	*VA Central Office
Oncology-E -----	December 7, 2015	*VA Central Office
Clinical Trials-B -----	December 8, 2015	*VA Central Office
Neurobiology-B -----	December 8, 2015	US Access Board
Neurobiology-F -----	December 9, 2015	*VA Central Office
Cardiovascular Studies-B -----	December 10, 2015	Corporation for Enterprise Development

Gastroenterology -----	December 10, 2015	American College of Surgeons
Special Emphasis on Million Veteran Program Projects ---	December 10, 2015	VA Central Office
Neurobiology-D -----	December 11, 2015	Corporation for Enterprise Development
Gulf War Research -----	December 11, 2015	*VA Central Office
Eligibility -----	January 15, 2015	Corporation for Enterprise Development
JBL/CS SMRB -----	January 28, 2016	*VA Central Office (3:00 p.m. ET)

The addresses of the meeting sites are:

American College of Surgeons, 20 F Street, NW, Washington, DC
 Corporation for Enterprise Development, 1200 G Street, NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC
 Hilton Garden Inn Washington, DC/US Capitol, 1225 First Street, NE, Washington, DC
 US Access Board, 1331 F Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC
 National Postal Museum, Blount Center, 2 Massachusetts Avenue, NE, Washington, DC
 VA Central Office, 1100 First Street, NE, Suite 600, Washington, DC

*Teleconference

The purpose of the subcommittees is to provide advice on the scientific quality, budget, safety and mission relevance of investigator-initiated research proposals submitted for VA merit review evaluation. Proposals submitted for review include diverse medical specialties within the general areas of biomedical, behavioral and clinical science research.

The subcommittee meetings will be closed to the public for the review, discussion, and evaluation of initial and renewal research proposals. However, the JBL/CS SMRB teleconference meeting will be open to the public. Members of the public who wish to attend the open JBL/CS SMRB teleconference may dial 1-800-767-1750, participant code 95562. Members of the public who wish to make a statement at the JBL/CS SMRB meeting must notify Dr. Alex Chiu via email at alex.chiu@va.gov by January 21, 2016.

The closed subcommittee meetings involve discussion, examination, and

reference to staff and consultant critiques of research proposals. Discussions will deal with scientific merit of each proposal and qualifications of personnel conducting the studies, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. Additionally, premature disclosure of research information could significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency action regarding the research proposals. As provided by subsection 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Public Law 94-409, closing the subcommittee meetings is in accordance with Title 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (6) and (9)(B).

Those who would like to obtain a copy of the minutes from the closed subcommittee meetings and rosters of the subcommittee members should contact Alex Chiu, Ph.D., Manager, Merit Review Program (10P9B), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420, at (202) 443-5672 or email at alex.chiu@va.gov.

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